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ANIMAL BABIES

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Don't be afraid, Little Deer,
Try this nut, come over here.



This turnip is a tasty bit,
Bear's or Camel's—whose is it?



Tiny, tiny Fir Tree,
Whose great cone can this be?



Friends will sometimes disagree.
I'll kick you if you butt me.



Look at these two lively fellows,
One is brown and one is yellow.



We can help each other,
If you come my way, brother.



A dragon-fly was close to me.
It flew away, where can it be?



When we sit down to paint or draw
We put our paint sets on the floor.



Two Baby Penguins out for a walk,
A sister and a brother, having a talk.



This Baby Goose is very glad,
He thinks he's bigger than his dad.



This bright red present is for you.
I hope you like it, 'cause I do.



Oh, dear! Goodbye to all our food!
She'll eat it up, and it's so good.



These two Slow Snails are quite surprised,
They really can't believe their eyes.



Who plays hide and seek like that?
I can see your tail, Gray Cat!



All of us together
Are lighter than a feather.



A shower's just the thing for me.
This is how I do it. See?



He's so proud he found those feathers.
We'll grow our own, and they'll be better.



A see-saw from a melon rind.
What fun! This really is a find!

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